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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Colony—Plague—Examination for plague-infected rodents.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, September 26, 1904.

The following report by the medical officer of health for the colony on the state of the outbreak of bubonic plague in the Cape Colony for the week ended September 24, 1904, is published for general information.

NOEL JANISCH,
Under Colonial Secretary.

Port Elizabeth.—No cases of plague were discovered during the week. At the plague hospital, 1 European male was discharged. Five cases remain under treatment. One hundred and fifty-nine rats (44 found dead) and 208 mice (8 found dead) were bacteriologically examined during the week, of which 43 rats and 5 mice proved to be plague-infected.

East London.—Plague-infected rodents continued to be found in the town during the week.

CAPE TOWN.

Harbor board area and shipping in harbor.—Five hundred and sixty-six rodents were examined; no plague infection was discovered.

Cape Town municipal area.—Six hundred and thirty-seven rodents were examined by the medical officer of health for the city; no plague infection was discovered.

Other districts.—No plague infection in man or animals was discovered.

J. A. MITCHELL,
Acting Medical Officer of Health for the Colony.

BRAZIL.

Reports from Bahia—Mortuary statistics—Plague and smallpox.

Consul Furniss reports, October 10 and 11, as follows:

During the week ended October 8, 1904, 96 bodies were interred in the Bahia cemeteries.

The causes given for interment were the following: Alcoholism, 1; aneurism, 4; arterio-sclerosis, 6; beriberi, 5; bronchitis, 1; cerebral congestion, 2; death by violence, 1; diarrhea and dysentery, 5; epilepsy, 2; fibroma, 2; hepatitis, 3; intestinal obstructions, 1; malarial fevers, 8; meningitis, 2; nephritis, 2; organic diseases of heart, 7; plague (verified), 1; plague (suspect), 2; puerperal fever, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 13; other tuberculosis, 1; senile debility, 5; septicæmia, 1; smallpox, 2; stillborn, 4; syphilis, 1; umbilical hemorrhage, 1; whooping cough, 1; other causes, 11.